

REMARKS

The title of the application has been amended to more accurately reflect the claimed subject matter.

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on October 27, 2005, Applicants hereby submit claim amendments which render the restriction requirement moot. Specifically, Applicants have amended the claims to be drawn to a double-stranded nucleic acid molecule having an antisense strand that is complementary to nucleic acid sequence encoding vascular endothelial growth factor receptor 1 (VEGFR1) and vascular endothelial growth factor receptor 2 (VEGFR2) or a portion thereof. The present claims are meant to cover, for example, double-stranded nucleic acid molecule having an antisense strand that is complementary to nucleic acid sequence that is present in mRNAs encoding vascular endothelial growth factor receptor 1 (VEGFR1) and vascular endothelial growth factor receptor 2 (VEGFR2), respectively. Therefore the antisense strand of a single double stranded nucleic acid molecule has sequence complementary to two separate mRNAs, one encoding VEGFR1 and the other encoding VEGFR2.

Support for the amendments can be found throughout the specification (for example, page 12) and in the original claims. Thus, no new matter has been added by way of the amendments.

Claims 4-9, 25-31, and 33-34 have been canceled. Amendments to the claims are made without prejudice and do not constitute amendments to overcome any prior art or other statutory rejections. Additionally, these amendments are not an admission regarding the patentability of subject matter of the canceled or amended claims and should not be so construed. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the previously filed claims in this or in any other appropriate patent application.

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